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1. SUMMARY: THE SUPREME COURT DURING THE PAST WEEK
HAS RULED FAVORABLY ON ANOTHER HABEUS CORPUS PE-
TITION IN BEHALF OF A PEN PRISONER HELD SINCE THE
MID-70S AND THE GOVERNMENT TOOK ANOTHER STEP TO
CLARIFY THE STATUS OF FORMER PEN PRISONERS. ON THE
RETROGRADE SIDE, HOWEVER, UNIDENTIFIED CIVILIANS APPEAR TO
HAVE BEGUN HARASSING THE LEADERSHIP OF
THE MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO. END SUMMAY.

2. ON AUG 26, THE SUPREME COURT, WHICH ON
AUG 6 BROKE WITH ITS PAST PRACTICE OF
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AVODING THE POLITICAL PRISONER QUESTION (REFTEL),
ISSUED A RULING ON HABEUS CORPUS

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SOUGHT FOR CARLOS ERNESTO PUCCIO, ARRESTED JANUARY 30, 1975 DURING THE PERON GOVERNMENT FOR "ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE STATE". THE COURT, IN A SPLIT 3-1 DECISION THAT OVERTURNED A RULING BY A LOWER COURT UNFAVORABLE TO PUCCIO, SAID THE EVIDENCE OFFERED AT HIS TRIAL IN 1976, IN WHICH HE WAS SENTENCED TO TWOYEARS IN PRISON, DID NOT SUPPORT THE CHARGES OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AGAINST HIM.

3. PUCCI HAS BEEN HELD AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH (PEN) SINCE COMPLETING HIS SENTENCE. THE HIGH COURT RULING GAVE THE EXECUTIVE 15 WORKING DAYS TO PAROLE HIM (LIBERTAD VIGILADA) OR ALLOW HIM TO EXERCISE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF OPTION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY IN LIEU OF CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT.

4. ON THE SAME DAY, THE INTERIOR MINISTRY LIFTED THE PAROLE STATUS OF 14 OTHER FORMER PEN PRISONERS. THE PRESS OF AUG 27 REPORTS THAT THE MINISTRY DECREE "RELEASED" THEM FROM DETENTION, BUT A CHECK OF THE EMBASSY'S RECORDS INDICATE ALL 14 HAD BEEN RELEASED BY THE VIOLA AND GALTIERI GOVERNMENTS LATE IN 1981 AND EARLY THIS YEAR UNDER "LIBERTAD VIGILADA." FIVE OF THE INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED HAD SOUGHT OPTION TO ENTER THE U.S. WHILE IN PRISON AND TWO OF THEM HAD BEEN ISSUED OPTION CERTIFICATES, BUT THE GOA REFUSED TO RELEASE THEM.

5. MEANTIME EARLIER THIS WEEK, ACCORDING TO THE HERALD, THE HOMES OF THE MOTHER'S VICE-

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PRESIDENT AND TREASURER WERE BROKEN INTO BY MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES WHO DEFACTED THE PREMISES WITH DEFAMATORY, PROFESSIONALLY-LETTERED POSTERS. ON AUG 24, ABOUT 15 CIVILIANS WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS POLICE TO THE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT WERE LET INTO THE APARTMENT OF MARIA GARD DE ANTOKOLETZ, THE ORGANIZATION'S VICE-PRESIDENT, AND PASTED HANDBILLS ON THE DOORS AND WALLS. THE FLYERS CALLED MRS. ANTOKOLETZ "VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE MOTHERS OF TERRORISTS", "ANTI-ARGENTINA" AND WHO, "FAILING IN HER ROLE OF MOTHER, PERMITTED HER CHILDREN TO SEEK TO DESTROY THE NATION", AND THEN

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"SHAMELESSLY TRAVELLED ABROAD WITH FUNDS FROM
TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, FOMENTING HATRED TOWARD
OUR COUNTRY."

6. IN THE EARLY MORNING OF AUG 26, THE HOME OF
MOTHERS'S TREASURER JUANA DE PARGMENT WAS BROKEN
INTO, ACCORDING TO A COURT COMPLAINT FILED THE SAME
DAY BY THE ORGANIZATION AND AT A PRESS CONFERENCE
CALLED TO PUBLICIZE IT, AND SUBJECTED TO THE SAME
DEFACEMENT. MOTHER'S PRESIDENT HEBE PASTOR DE
BONAFINI TOLD THE PRESS SHE HAS BEGUN RECEIVING
ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE DEATH THREATS" IF WE CON-
INUED OUR DEMAND FOR SATISFACTION (WITH INFOR-
MATION) ABOUT THE FATE OF OUR KIDNAPPED CHILDREN."
BESIDES GOING TO COURT FOR RELIEF, THE MOTHERS
ALSO WROTE TO PRESIDENT BIGNONE AND INTERIOR
MINISTER RESTON SEEKING THEIR INTERVENTION.
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